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Joe Gans's decisive victory over Mike Ward should prove that the lightweight

O'Brien or Tommy Ryan. If Fitz could low: make the middle-weight limit he would make either man hustle to beat him. W. K. Vanderbilt, jr., is surely a crank

on automobile racing. After winning about every race in which he started at the Day-York architects and engineers to construct an automobile track on the grounds of his new summer home at Lakeville, L. I. So James J. Corbett has announced that

large purse should be offered for a fight between him and Fitzsimmons. Corbett is laboring under the idea that Fitz would be easy picking for him, but it is strange how a contest. many people differ with James Jaw Corbett in this matter.

in a twenty-round bout.

their reigns as champions Sullivan and Corthey were averse to accepting them. Even Fitz deliberated a long while before taking on Jeff. Now here's Jeff willing to go on, but there is no one to go on with-that is, no one who would be sure to pull a big house with him.

Sharkey and Munroe seem to be good business men and their tactics entitle them to a place in the "hold-up" division. They agreed to fight before a Philadelphia club for 65 per cent. of the gross. The terms were accepted. Then there was a hunch to 70 per cent, and the manager consented to raise the limit. Then the price was raised to 75 per cent, and the Philadelphia promoter has backed up.

It used to be thought that when a man was over thirty he had no business in the prize ring, but now there seems to be a general revival of the dead ones, or those who might be thought to be dead, or, at ing everything before him in England. Tommy Ryan comes out of his dotage and makes a monkey out of the heavy and midold-timers have made youngsters look like 30 cents. The next thing that will happen will not be weight limit in the making of matches, but they will wrangle over ages, and it will not be a strange thing to hear: "I won't fight him because he has gray hair and is a grandfather."

A shaking up is promised on the Indianapolis polo team unless a turn for the better is shown very soon. Sixth place is not a position that the fans like to see the team occupy, and the management has come to the conclusion that something must be wrong with the team. A new face may be seen in the line-up. The management made a mistake early in the season by failing to compel the players to practice every day, so as to get into good physical condition as well as to perfect passing and floor work. The season is well advanced and the men at times show lack of condition. It would be a pretty good idea for the Indianapolis management to follow the course taken by the Muncie-management. Walter Petty, manager of the Muncie team, insisted upon his men taking a spin every morning, notwithstanding the condition of the weather, and since the plan was inaugurated the team has played better polo and in addition Captain Farrell's temper has been slightly curbed.

The victory of Abe Attell over Harry plished with a knockout. Had the battle gone twenty rounds, the limit, critics were knockout Forbes was picked as the man to be given the verdict. The victory was not as clean cut as it might have been had Attell landed on Forbes during a mix-up in the center of the ring. Forbes ran against the ropes, and when rebounding Attell landed on his jaw and Forbes went down and punch or chance. Forbes had the better of the first four rounds, and it was the chance that saved Attell. While Attell scored a knockout it must be considered that he caught Forbes off his guard at a time when he could swing his hardest. There has been some harsh criticism about the fight, but there is seldom a big fight that some one does not raise a howl,

of pugilism in the country. It is quite | war, are at an end. probable that the association will revise the weight, a thing that should have been done some time ago, and will make rules that will govern the holding of championship and other battles. Fighters and man-

also be considered. The association should ommand the respect of the sport-loving

SPORTING SECTION.

WHY AMERICANS WIN.

The announcement made several days ago that George Dixon will return from England, being unable to get matches, makes the American follower of the game wonder what is the matter with the English pugilists. Dixon has been in England for some time with a standing offer to box anybody of his weight for a side bet of \$2,000 real money, and deposited with a stakeholder. Dixon managed to get on a number of fights, most of which he won. Finally the English pugilists would not meet him. An English sporting paper comments as have ignored Dixon's challenge:

"That a little colored boxer who has been fighting steadily for over eighteen years can still defy the best of the English fighters without being taken up, certainly does not speak well for our fighting men." WASHINGTON, D. C -Riggs House, Ebbitt It certainly does not. In this country there is a half score of men who could put Little Chocolate out of the running, simply because they are young, strong and would go after their opponent and win on their DAYTON, O.-J. V. Wilkis, 29 South Jefferson strength. Naturally, the Englishmen want COLUMBUS, O .- Viaduct News Stand, 380 High to know the reason why their scrappers in a class with the American BEN D. CROSE, - - Sporting Editor fighters. Any American fighter seems to be able to win easily from the best of the English pugilists. The English papers, in discussing the reason, say that the Amerchampion is not altogether "all in." Gans's | ican and Englishman eat about the same next important battle will be with Joe Wol- and drink about the same, and there should be little difference between fighters on that account. The English Critic, in attempting to explain the difference, gives a numagain and wants to fight either Jack ber of very plausible reasons, which fol-

"American boxers study cause and effect more seriously than our men. Their methods of training are infinitely superior and more in harmony with the laws of physical culture. Quite one-half of the men on this side absolutely do not know how to train, measured by the standard of American excellence. It is interesting to watch the attention paid to comparatively insignificant details, such as flexing the bones of the hand and manipulating anything that will exercise and give tone to the muscles. So to speak, our friends enjoy-that is, if training can be regarded as a pleasure-a more luxurious system of preparation for

of our cousins, who seem to grasp the situ-Philadelphia Jack O'Brien has announced ation in a frame of mind that suggests that before taking on Tommy Ryan in an- recreation rather than hard labor. There other bout he would go into the country are exceptions to every rule. Doubtless near Philadelphia for a long rest. After a few of our English boxers have profited meeting Ryan again O'Brien would need by the invasion of the enemy, and learned another long rest, for Ryan will surely a little or a deal from close and attentive give the Philadelphian a very warm time | observation. The pernicious habit of indulging too freely after a course of training abides less in the foreigner. What there appeal to him. He figures out his our amateur class some idea of what the James J. Jeffries is in hard luck. During there is of it takes far less time to disperse and give way to better treatment. "Again, their fighting, in a general sense,

is totally dissimilar. The rigidity and prevails in the modus operandi of the foreign element. They pose in a loose, irregular kind of attitude, the arms, head and legs carelessly affected until the subject is prepared to attack. Then the muscles are braced up, hands clenched, head firmly fixed and the blow delivered with all the crushing effect. Have you noticed the line from a crap game to a prize fight. prevailing tendency of most English boxers, when they lead off effectually, stand back | IRISHMAN AND NEGRO and even retreat, as though desirous of admiring the effect of the blow and seeking applause for the cleverness displayed? crouching attitude in imitation of the

American style. But how different! The American stands comparatively passive. creeps up stealthily like a panther, and least, out of age. George Dixon is wallop- bides his time patiently. The Englishman dances about like an automatic figure twists and wriggles himself into all manner of shapes and conditions, and moves dleweight champions of England, and other | his arms to and fro like a disjointed semaphore. By the time he leads off there is not sufficient force behind his blow to knock the head off our old and muchabused friend, Aunt Sally."

HIGH SALARIES AT AN END The work of the special commissioners | walking. representing the National and American Leagues and the National Association of Minor Leagues, in arranging a peace set- where from six months to fifteen years. At tlement with the Pacific Coast League last any rate, it rained tremendously while the to bear, as he is waiting for a match. In week, welds together the entire chain of train was rushing eastward, and near Reno baseball leagues in this country so that word was received that a creek had boomed they have been able to make in certain of they all come under the head of organized and washed out the track. The train, of Mr. Titus's previously published games. baseball. The Pacific Coast League has been a thorn in the side of the other leagues | ters, a similar mishap was reported to the for several seasons because disgruntled players could hold that league as a club to exact higher salaries from managers, say- osophical. Six hours went by, and with League unless their demands were granted. | train. Then philosophy began to drag and But that day is past and with every league reservations there is little chance for strife is to come into the fold under a new class | had all been consumed, the sports made to be created especially for its benefit. It for the settlement. can Leagues and the minor leagues will be exempt from draft. The agreement with gether he thought he could arrange a little the Pacific League is a great protection to safeguard against players who are in the 'hold-up" game. It gives organized baseball absolute control of the ball players and there is no longer a place where contract- he replied: "I'll fight that bloody naygur have money invested in the sport, but it threatened clubs with desertion unless their demands for higher salaries are met. It is threatened to jump to the Pacific coast will do. They will reconsider their action and decide that the best place for them is with the club that holds their reserve. All minor league clubs will now set about to sign their players for the coming season. Many clubs have falled to send out contracts, as they not care to offend the players until the Prominent sporting writers, fight critics Pacific Coast League matter was settled. jeans after the doctors get through wid and boxing promoters of the country will Ball players will be paid what they are meet in Detroit to-day for the purpose of | worth, but it is quite probable that the day organizing a National Boxing Association. of fancy salaries, especially the enormous an exhishun and cut up the hundred. The object is the promotion and elevation | salaries that were paid during times of

WILL CHANGE RULES

twenty-second congress of that association. | whispering the one word "desist!" in the ear weary of men fighting for a certain cham- rules are of vital importance, affecting pionship when the principals are many every trainer and owner. And yet the men prescribed weight that are in power are, with possibly one or and punish fakirs. The question of having from the turf press. The changes to be referees appointed by the association will | considered in the rules are many, and it is | The second round was tame and only

follows on the way the English fighters | This change is hardly relished by the race

Now that the East and West have so exceedingly much in common, it does seem "The sober, serious earnestness of the as if the scale of weights of the Jockey Englishman is less constant in the ranks | Club should be made universal the country over. It would be a great convenience to owners and trainers if this were so, and it would do away with many of the unnecessary worries that come to burden the secretaries of the several associations. An owner who has been racing in the West, say at Chicago, goes East. His inducement, weights, and, quite naturally, he bases his calculations on the Western scale of weights, only to find when he gets East that it is not similar to the Eastern scale, cramped condition, commonly termed It is true the difference is only a trifle, but 'tucked up,' as though muscle-bound, never | it is enough to be confusing, and there can be no reason advanced for its continuance.

Nat Goodwin cut the waits between the acts in "A Gilded Fool" the other night in order to see a fight between Joe Gans and Mike Ward. Goodwin cleaned up a nice sum by betting on Gans. The famous comeweight of the body thrown forward with dian is fond of everything in the sporting

Most of the local sporting contingent which attended the Corbett-Hanlon fight in San Francisco supported the champion in the pools, and consequently none of the Minneapolis delegation had to walk home. The train, however, upon which the sports started back from the beautiful California city met with an accident the other side of all the passengers would have to do some

the train, and, after the civilized "booze"

and the \$100 was forthcoming. It appeared that the storekeper knew that two of the residents of the place had pugilistic aspirations, and furthermore that they were not on the best of terms. The men were Pat Garvin, a small rough-

Sam was then called in and asked the same question.

jus likes an Arshman fo breakfus every mawnin.' You all'll have to dig mah fist outer 'im wiv a meataxe.' After this cordial display of feeling the men left the store to prepare for the battle. A ring was pitched back of the "store" and a Nicollet-avenue saloon keeper was chosen referee. In the meantime, however, Pat and Sam had met by design just out of sight of the

thing like that. let him hang on until he was not so dizzy. landed it like a hammer on the side of Pat, and, fighting himself free from Sam's Pat's neck. Pat just saved his distance, as | clutch, he rushed and landed the heaviest he was on his feet at the count of "ten," but | sort of a punch to the jaw.

He kept boring in all the time as soon as Sam's wild swings had passed over his "Desist-desist, is it? Begorrah, I'll not But when the greenbacks loom in sight, why,

very wobbly.

to be hoped, for the best interest of the harness racing sport, that the matter will be given the committee's most earnest consideration. The proposed change which makes it impossible for any one to administer drugs or stimulants to horses, or to use any appliances, electrical or mechanical, other than the ordinary whip and spur, is one that should pass by all means. Every true lover of fair, clean racing would like to see the dopester, or he that punishes his horse unnecessarily, put out of the business. It is also proposed to have the rules changed so as to permit drivers to participate without carrying a dead weight, doing away with the rule which now makes it compulsory that he and his cushion weigh in before each heat at 150 pounds. drivers, as they fear it may result in an inclination on the part of owners to secure lightweight trainers and drivers, as, even if there is but a slight draft with the modern light-running sulky, there certainly would be a handicap between a trotter drawing a man weighing 125 pounds, while another driver weighed 175 pounds. The particular rule which is creating the most talk is that which relates to the existing distance for horses to be ruled out. At present the rules provide for a distance of 100 yards when there are eight or more starters in a race over mile tracks, while the distance is eighty yards when there are a smaller number. The distance for eight or more horses over the half-mile tracks is 150 yards, while it is 100 yards for smaller fields. It was thought by those that favor this reduction in the rules that such a change would, to a great extent, do away with the laying-up heats, which would probably be true. Others claim that in large fields, where there are several tiers of starters, a horse getting away in the last tier would be obliged to trot almost as fast as the one that won the heat in order to save his distance. This five feet back of the wire, but also because he would be obliged to go a long mile on account of going around the others. In case of a horse being obliged to pull up short in order to avoid a collision or to keep from interfering with one that had made a break, he would go to a break himand in this event it would be a most difficult matter to get inside the flag if the short distance prevailed.

FAKE A PRIZE FIGHT

"Another feature of English boxing is the Were to Stop on Signal, but the Irishman Forgot the Magic Word.

Minneapolis Tribune.

about every so often, which might be anycourse, was stalled, and to complicate matwestward of the stalled train.

There was nothing for it but to be philng that they would go to the Pacific | them the entire supply of drinkables on the

The proprietor of the leading store was appealed to, and finally told the sports that if they would get a purse of \$100 tobare-knuckle mill that would make the late featherweight championship glove contest look like a dirty deuce.

The sports were interested immediately

necked foreman of the track gang of the railroad, and Sam Jefferson, a negro mule driver. Pat was the first to be summoned before the committee, and when he was asked if he would fight Sam for \$100 fur nawthin'."

"W'y, say, gemmen," he answered "Ah

"Marse Garvin," called Sam. Pat stopped and they approached one another warily "Dat hundred looks good to me," re-

marked Sam by way of opening the subject nearest his heart. "Never you mind about the money," returned the Hibernian. "I'll have it in me 'Say, Pat," said Sam, "let's not beat

each oder to deat.' Lessus just give 'em "Be gorrah! thim people is sports," answered Pat, "an' we can't hand thim any-Sam argued further and finally convinced Pat that the trick could be turned. He ex- that seemed to madden the Hibernian, and plained to the Hibernian that each should when they toed the scratch for the fifth try his best in the first round, and if one or the other scored a very heavy punch and | the Irishman's damaged optic. He met had the other fellow going the punchee had | every rush with a savage counter and about | the privilege of rushing into a clinch and the middle of the round got across with a The fight was a dalsy. The men were evenly matched and about equally scienced. Pat had a crouch that looked dangerous and | get the money he threw his arms around Sam danced about like J. J. Corbett. They came together with a bang and as they posed to form plans to control other forms interested in the management of any track broke Sam brought his right across and The sound of his voice seemed to madden



would not only get away fifty or seventy- PROBLEMS OF INTEREST TO ALL CHECKER PLAYERS

The Journal's Column Devoted to News of the Game of Draughts Death of Nicholas Browse Trist Removed One of the Best and Personal Notes of the Experts

OBJECTS.

To popularize the game of draughts. afford all checker players, from tyro to experts, a weekly column, devoted to the best sci-To furnish a practical illustration of the value of draughts as a mental exercise. To raise the quality of play throughout the State.

-Note to Contributors.-Contributors to this column should write upon one side of the paper only, and be careful to transcribe numbers plainly. The Journal will be pleased to receive new games, positions, solutions and all news of interest to checker players. Such letters should be addressed to Rem A.

The "Black Doctor" Controversy.

While the experts of the checker world are wrestling with the question as to whether or not there is a sound draw for apart from stakes in which he is entered, White in the "Black Doctor" opening, it is the overnight programme. Some races may not be altogether inapropos to give Played between Rem A. Johnston and a masters are trying to do.

The opening is formed at the end of that exchange, which, if correctly followed, has its conclusion in the regular "Laird and Lady" gambit. It is arrived at by White's leap, 19-10, at the eighth move. Should White take 21-14 the opening would be the easily demonstrable "Laird and Lady." In the "Black Doctor" the White force is crippled by the loss of two men for one, without the counter-gift of position. The structure is so peculiar, however, that the weakness of White is not so apparent as would be supposed by the learner.

It is generally understood that the name of the opening was given by English players in compliment to a Fifeshire physician who was partial to the gambit, and who was exceptionally well versed in the many intricate combinations arising from it. The works of Payne and of Sturges contain some twenty variations upon the theme, and indications point out the fact that the experts of the eighteenth century were familiar with most of the main lines of the

The gambit introduces numerous pitfalls into which Black may easily drop, and probably for that reason Wyllie used to be very fond of playing it. Many times analysts have come before the public claiming that they could demonstrate that there was no draw for the White side if Black should play properly, but so far all have failed to prove the win. It was supposed after the controversy between Janvier and Dr. Stayman that the former had conclusively established the draw. But now Mr. Bert Reno, Nev., and for a while it looked as if Titus, of Minneapolis, Minn., comes forward with the authoritative statement that he cares not what others have shown in the past, he can demonstrate the forced It seems that in Nevada it only rains | Black win against any defense that White can offer. Naturally all the leading checkcrists are against Mr. Titus. So far the analyst has not brought his "heavy guns' the meantime critics are contenting themselves with carping over small corrections

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14—18, 22—15, 13—22, 26—17, 4—8, 29—25, 5—9, 25—22, 9—14, drawn (g) 7-10, 22-17, 10-15 is a safe draw. (h) 30-26, 11-16, 28-24, 4-8, 22-17, 6-10, 26-22, 8-11, 17-13, 14-17 draws. (j) 17-13, 3-7, 31-26, 12-16, 19-16, 19-12 4—8, 12—3, 14—17, 21—14, 10—17, 3—10, 6—31, 13—6, 31—24, 28—19, 1—10, 23—18, 10—14, 18—9, 5-14, 32-27, 2-6, 25-21, drawn. (k) 4-8, 19-15, 10-19, 17-10, 6-22, 23-7 3-10, 25-18, 8-11, 29-25, 1-6, 25-22, 10-15 28-24, 6-10, 26-23, 9-14, 18-9, 5-14, 22-17, 15-18, 17-13, 18-22, 13-9, 22-25, 9-5, 25-30 5-1, 30-25, 1-5, 25-30, drawn. (1) 28-24, 4-8, 32-28, 9-13 is a safe draw (m) Only practical move. (n) 28-24, 3-7 is weak for White.

(o) 2-6, 18-15, 3-8, 29-25, 8-11 draws, (p) 18-15 would lose by 1-6. (q) 2-6 is not so good. (r) 28-24, 8-11, 18-14, 10-17, 21-14, 6-10, I versy. Will some one kindly assist?

two blows of any consequence were struck. Pat managed to get in the way of both, and one of his eyes showed the effects. The third round was somewhat like the preceding session, except that Pat had gained strength since his rough handling in the first round, and made heavy plays at his opponent's head.

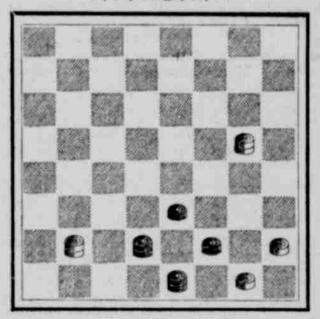
In the fourth round Sam landed nine light left jabs to the head and got away without equal returns. It was these blows round an angry gleam could be detected in punch that came all the way from his toes. Down went Sam, apparently out. The count of nine found him on his knee, however, and he was up before the finish. He fiddled a second, and as Pat rushed in to him and sobbed "desist" into his bleeding

As the referee counted ten and placed his hand on the victor's shoulder Pat said: tryin to think of for the last ten minutes.

14-7, 3-10, 25-22, 11-15, 23-18, 16-28, 18-11, (s) 25-21, 17-22, 23-18, 16-28, 14-10, etc.,

Game No. 17-"Fife." Friend-Black. Mr. Johnston-White. 14 - 1822—17 11—16 27—23 5— 9 32—27 17 - 1421-14 19-15 17-13 1-5 6- 9 13- 6 14-18 Drawn. (a) This corrects "A. C. P." where 30-25 s given showing a Black win.-Johnston.

> Problem No. 10. By L. J. VAIR. BLACK. 23, 27; kings, 26, 31



28, 32; kings, 16, 25. WHITE. White to play and win. -Solution.-26 - 30 15 - 1920 - 24

26-30 25-22 30-26 20-24 W. wins. 24-20 18-15 News of the Game.

Saylor's "Single Corner" innovation is beng neglected because of the stampede of interst that is turning toward the "Black E. P. Wolferstan ran up a score of five

pion, Mr. Phillips, and the latter was unable even to secure a draw from the genial Mr. Wolferstan. A spectator writes that by way of closing the exhibition Mr. Wolferstan ran up three games "blindfolded and

David Millar, of Dows, Ia., refuses to day at the Western tournament unless it is brought to Dows. Mr. Millar cuts plenty of ice in Iowa checker circles, but that seems hardly a good reason why a title affecting the entire West should be played for by ten or fifteen men in a little town of eight hundred. The Journal Editor has very good reason to know that some of the best players in the far West are against this tournament being played on the 22d of February and in a place that is not at all central and easy of access. Mr. Millar is too great a player to permit his influence to wreck a tournament.

It is not generally known that Henry Hutzler, of Cincipanti, O., has one of the finest draughts libraries in the world and that the securing of the volumes has been the famous old school player's life-work. but such is the case. For thirty long years Mr. Hutzler was champion of Ohio, and there was no one in the whole State who was in his class. During this time the old expert set about collecting all the unique and ancient works known to the game. As a result, Mr. Hutzler has a library of four hundred volumes, all de- 13. Dr. and Mrs. Little voted to checkers. There are books in 14. Mr. Metcalf and Mrs. English, in French, in Spanish, in German, 15. Mr. and Mrs. Munk. in old Dutch, in Swedish and in Latin, in 16. Dr. Foxworthy and Mrs. De Vay istent volumes of Joseph Carlos Garcez's 19. Mr. and Mrs. Teal141 work, published in 1647-the other one is in a glass case in the British Museum, Mr. 21, Mr. McFarland and Mr. McClure 140 Hutzler is an old man, and can well remember playing with James Wyllie and the old Scotch masters. Bert Titus writes that he is ready to meet any Journal reader for a stake match to determine the "Black Doctor" contro-

Tommy Ryan Loquitor.

I have come to the conclusion that I need little rest; When I battered Jack O'Brien, why, I did roughed it with a zest, But, of course, you know, the long route is the "truly champion" test.

care a jot For fifty-six O'Brien's; I shall pounds his slender carcass as I would a punching bag Till my Quaker city rival is a washed-out human rag.

only peach.

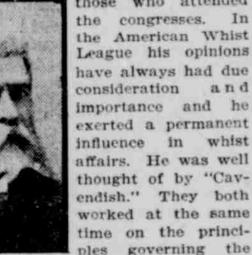
snall within my shell I lie till some whispers, "Come There's money now in longer dumb Bond, 1. And then I lift my voice in Until the wise matchmakers own I am the

members were Messrs. Hood, 13; J. W. These youngsters may be clever-they can hi Ferretti and myself may soft "bull con," who had plus scores at the meeting Satur-

NEWS OF THE WHIST PLAYERS OF INDIANAPOLIS AND STATE

Thinkers and Writers from the Game-Local Tourney

Mr. Nicholas Browse Trist, whose death 19; Wright, 6; Metcalf, 5; Coffin, 3; Clifford, was announced in the Journal last Sunday, was well known to the majority of whist



the congresses. In the American Whist League his opinions have always had due consideration and pool Hotel. importance and he exerted a permanent influence in whist affairs. He was well thought of by "Cavendish." They both worked at the same time on the princi-

"American Leads"

and each expressed N. B. Trist the desire that the other should receive the honor of the new form of game. He was a the principles of the game. He was the author of "American Leads and Their His-

Its interest is mainly historical. Mr. Trist touches on all the developments of the game preliminary to the adoption of the the adversaries having the command of system of "American Leads." It is a most valuable contribution to the literature of the game and is of historical value. In the latter part of the book he deals with later innovations, but did not seem to be in favor of many of these plays and treated many of them as not worthy of much consideration. He had strong convictions and expressed

his views very forcibly. The Woman's Whist Club entertained the whist clubs of the city Wednesday evening. Feb. 3, in the Palm Garden at the Claypool Hotel.

It was the largest gathering of enthusiastic "whisters," as well as the most successful ever held in the city. All the clubs in the city were well represented. There were twenty-one tables in play. The committee on arrangements was

Mrs. Herman Munk, Mrs. Ralph Smith, Mrs. J. H. Pirkey, Mrs. O. G. Pfaff and Mrs. Charles D. Johnson Prizes were awarded to the pairs having the top score north and south and east and west. League buttons were given to the tience is one of the many requirements in gentlemen and silver lead pencils to the la- | the study of the game. dies. Souvenir lead pencils were also given to each player participating in the game. Mr. and Mrs. De Prez, of Shelbyville, made the highest score east and west, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pirkey made the highest score north and south Mrs. De Prez and Mrs. Pirkey being members of the Woman's Club, the prizes were given to Mrs. S. D. Bond and Mrs. A. C Ayres, they having the next highest score.

The score was as follows:

-North and South .-1. Mr. A. Johnson and Mrs. Hutchinson, 124 to naught at Brownstown a couple of days | 2. Dr. Anderson and Mrs. Branham.....123 ago. His opponent was the local cham- | 3. Mr. Jaquith and Mrs. Talbott........120 Mr. and Mrs. Pirkey......138 8. Mr. and Mrs. Henkel......121 11. Dr. Comingor and Miss Comingor 129 10-Don't unguard a king or queen and 13. Mr. and Mrs. Eastman......129 don't blank an ace. Mr. Welborn and Mrs. Lazarus.......132 19. Dr. and Mrs. Hood......115 20. Mr. Rittenhouse and Mr. Sluss 117 Average127 -East and West .-2. Mr. Wright and Mrs. Lowry............146 4 Mr C D Johnson and Mrs Renham 148 5. Judge Sullivan and Mrs. Lilly........145

1. Mr. Yandes and Mrs. Pfaff..... 3. Mr. Hibberd and Mrs. Wilson. 7. Mr. and Mrs. Porter..... 9. Mr. and Mrs. Bond. 10. Mr. and Mrs. Ruddell 11. Judge and Mrs. Walker..... 12. Mr. Bixby and Mrs. Benton 20. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson. Average146 + + +

The Woman's Club members that had plus scores Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 2, were Mesdames Messick, 10; Branham, 10; Lazarus, 5; Johnson, 5; Benham, 4; Sutcliffe, 4; Pfaff, 2; Heims, 2; Hutchinson, 1; Thomp-

The club will hold a contest for the club trophy Friday afternoon, Feb. 12, at the apartments of Mrs. Charles D. Johnson, 3 the Delaware. There will be at least six teams taking

part in the game and as they score in the contest they will be so numbered in the The following members of the American Club had plus scores Saturday night, Jan.

30: Messrs, Wikel, 16; Welborn, 16; Mc-Farland, 5; Foxworthy, 5; E. E. Sluss, 6 Roemler, 4; Bixby, 3; W. A. Wood, 3; A. D. Tuesday night, Feb. 2, the plus score

Sluss, 15; Bixby, 11; Moore, 9; Woods, 7 Miller, 6; Jaquith, 6; Hitz, 5; Rockwood, 5; Clelland, 4; McClure, 2. Members of the Indianapolis Whist Club

2; Pirkey, 2; McCotter, 1; Conduitt, 1.

+ + + The Meridian Club met Monday morning with Mrs. Walter Eastman on North Mewho attended

The whist players of the State must not forget that the next tournament of the Indiana Whist Association is to occur the evenings of Feb. 25 and 26 at the Clay-

Hints for Beginners.

It is not surprising that beginners in whist so often become discouraged and discontinue the study of the game when they meet with so much seemingly conflicting advice in practice.

One partner will tell them always to make a certain play (not explaining that the term "always" means under the present conditions); some other partner at another time will tell them to do just the reverse (other conditions prevailing), and sound thinker and a very explicit writer on leach partner may be giving correct advice under existing conditions, but to the student mind may not be as clear as to the experienced player and the adviser does not think to be explicit and go more into the details of that particular play. As illustrating this point a player has led two rounds of trumps; later in the game one of trumps leads it and by so doing takes the next in command from partner. This so exasperates partner that he remarks, "You must never lead trumps after adversaries have been leading them; you are then play-

ing their game." A short time after this the same players are again partners, and as before adversary eads trumps, and the player criticised before for leading trumps after adversary had led them, holding six, fails to lead them when she should have done so, because she had previously been told by partner never

to lead trumps when adversary had led them first. The student must soon realize the fact that the rules must be learned so thoroughly that when playing the game it will be no effort whatever to know what the play would be at all times, according to the rules, and also to understand when the rules must be broken or will not apply and

judgment and common sense only will bring success to the player. This is gained by practice as well as study and persistent effort on the part of the student in these directions will in time certainly bring their reward. The student must not be too easily discouraged, as whist is an art that cannot be learned in a day, a week, a month or a year, and pa-

Whist Guides. 1-Do not change suits without a good 2-Play your own game and not your ad-

3-Third hand; when 10 is led usually play 4-Holding a sequence always play lower card unless wishing to echo. 5-Generally open from strongest suit.

6-Trump a doubtful trick if holding more 7-When holding a singleton, with weak trumps, and partner has called, it is a winning policy to lead the singleton, 8-You should treat a four card suit as a three card suit late in the play. 9-A lead from ace, king and one low card is a poor lead-hold them for re-entry

11-When your long suit is trumps it should generally be led 12-Do not call tricks points. 13-Count your cards as soon as taken in 14-Never discard a singleton early in the 15-Holding six trumps lead them. 16-Assume responsibility for your own

17-Second hand; on a supporting card led, cover. 18-Force the adverse leading hand. 19-Thirteenth card; lead to place the lead. 20-Leave trump slip face up until the trump card is taken up.

21-Learn to think and play quickly. 22--Watch for signals. 23-Echo when holding three trumps. 24-Holding command of partner's suit generally return it before leading your 25-Holding a weak hand play partner's

The Rochester Post-Express some time ago published the following whist ques-

1-If you had the king of trumps turned and one small and your partner led the ace would you play the king? What could your partner hold to justify the lead of the ace when the king was turned in your

2-Suppose you play the three trump echo; you hold queen, jack, 10 of trumps; your partner leads the 6; what do you play? And if you win the trick what card do you 3-Do you always return partner's original lead of trumps? If you do not, under what circumstances do you decline to do so, assuming, of course, that there are trumps

still in your hand? 4-If partner opens with a low card and you win with the 10, holding nothing higher, do you return the suit? And how are the high cards in the suit distributed? Answers addressed to Whist Department, Indianapolis Journal, will appear in whist column of next Sunday edition.

Maher Will Sail on Feb. 24.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 .- Jockey Danny Maher has engaged passage on the White Star liner Cedric, which will sail from here Johnson, 2; McClure, 2; J. W. Sluss, 1; opens on March 17, and Maher is under instructions to be there in advance of that date. He will ride again this year for Sir James Miller, who has first call on bis services, and for Lord Derby, who has second call. Each stable will have a string of about twenty racers, and Maher expects even a harder campaign than he had last year, when he took mounts in 540 races. Of these he was successful in something like 170. The jockey has been spending most of his winter vacation with his father in Hartford, Conn., making occasional trips to New day night, Jan. 30, were Messrs. Anderson, | York